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Col. Stephen Ledbetter, Commander of Letterkenny Army Depot, stands at attention during the change of command ceremony along side Maj. Gen. Douglas Gabram on Friday, Aug 11, 2017, at Letterkenny.

New Depot Commander On Board

By Janet Gardner, Public Affairs

Letterkenny Army Depot's Headquarters Building was the scene for the change of command ceremony held on Friday, Aug. 11. The outdoor ceremony was hosted by U.S. Army Aviation and Missile

Command's Commanding General, Maj. Gen. Douglas Gabram.

With the color guard standing at attention, Depot Sergeant Major Richard Huff handed the Letterkenny colors to the outgoing commander, Col. Deacon Maddox. The colors were handed to Gabram who then passed it to incoming commander Col. Stephen Ledbetter. Ledbetter accepted the Depot's colors and officially became the 49th commander of Letterkenny Army Depot.

At the conclusion of the passing of the colors' ceremony, Gabram, Maddox and Ledbetter returned to their seats with Maddox and Ledbetter crisscrossing paths behind Gabram to assume their new positions.

"Get ready for the ride of your life," said Gabram as he glanced over at Ledbetter. He then turned to the audience amassed under two large white tents and said, "Command is not an easy assignment, but with all of you standing behind your new Commander, we know he will lead this organization to new levels."

Praise from Gabram continued as he thanked the Letterkenny workforce for delivering true industrial capability and capacity through new production, parts fabrication, reverse engineering, innovative design, and tailored solu-

tions all while focused on Army readiness with speed, accuracy and quality.

Under Maddox's leadership, Letterkenny began construction of a Military Construction Army project for a 45,040 square foot, \$15-million addition to Building 350 that will house metal treatment and surface preparations, was recognized with its 10th Shingo Medallion for manufacturing excellence, and made vast improvements in the industrial facilities, safety trends and environmental practices.

"It's been an honor and a privilege to command Letterkenny," said Maddox. "Pennsylvania's community is growing quickly and has very capable leaders."

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Mr. Joshua Cutchall escorts Matthew and Mariah Ledbetter, son and daughter of Col. Ledbetter, to their seats prior to the start of the change of command ceremony on Aug. 11.



CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE!

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LOOKING AHEAD...

Labor Day	4 September
U.S. Air Force Birthday	18 September
U.S. Navy Birthday	13 October
U.S. Marine Corps Birthday	10 November

FROM THE COMMANDER...



Depot Commander Col. Stephen Ledbetter



For those of you I haven't met yet, I'm Colonel Stephen Ledbetter, and I am tremendously honored and excited to have the privilege to join the Letterkenny Team. LEAD has a great reputation, and that's because of you- the talented and dedicated men and women that work hard every day to build combat power for the Army and our joint partners and allies.

This summer LEAD celebrated its 75th Anniversary and paused to recognize the proud legacy of the depot. Over the past 75 years Letterkenny has produced a myriad of weapons systems, vehicles and munitions. The LEAD Team has always been flexible, agile and responsive to whatever mission assigned from the Army.

Today's global threats have evolved somewhat since the 1940s and are complex, but one thing remains constant- the highly skilled LEAD workforce continues to respond and provide the highest quality weapons systems used by U.S. Service-members and Allies around the globe to face today's global security challenges.

I ask that you continue to be proud of what we collectively do, build combat power in support of our Nation, and to keep safety first and foremost across our organization. I am honored to serve within your ranks and look forward to meeting each and every one of you.

Army Strong!

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...AROUND THE DEPOT**Annual Anti-Terrorism Exercise**

By Jeffrey Matthews, DES

On the fifth day of his new assignment as the Depot Commander, COL Stephen Ledbetter activated his Emergency Operations Center because of a train derailment on the south side of Building 10, the Depot's headquarters.

Fortunately, the derailment was a carefully planned and executed scenario that was part of the Depot's annual anti-terrorism exercise conducted on Aug. 16th and 17th.

The Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) lead the effort that tested the capabilities of all facets of the Emergency Management, Law Enforcement, Fire and Ambulance Services, and the antiterrorism plans from the Directorate of Public Works (DPW), Public Affairs (PAO), Command Staff and various other operations and directorates across the Depot.

"Real world scenarios test the strengths and weakness of our force protection capabilities," said Tim



Wolfe, DES's director.

Modeling the recent train derailment that occurred in a local jurisdiction in Bedford County, Pa., which is not too far from the Depot, made this year's exercise even more relevant to the first responders and Depot employees alike.

DES thanks the exercise leadership, Matthew Fenicle, Tony Zollo, and Cherie Brown, for planning, executing and conducting the necessary training for the exercise. In addition, a huge thank you is extended for all the support received from throughout the depot to include: the Command team, LEAD Police and Fire Departments, PAO, the Directorate of Industrial Operations, the Directorate of Operations Planning and Support and the Directorate of Resource Management.

Wolfe acknowledged the participation of various other county and local agencies that allowed the depot to be successful in carrying out its regulatory and mission requirements. Outside partners participating in the exercise were the Franklin County EMA, American Red Cross, Pleasant Hall Fire and Ambulance Company, Patriot Federal Credit Union, Carlisle Barracks, Dunham Clinic and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office.

Without the overwhelming support of everyone who took part the exercise would not have been such a success.

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PATRIOT DAY

REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

Sept. 11, 2001 changed more than the skyline of New York City - the attacks changed a generation of Americans, our Army and our world. That day's destruction and devastation did not condemn this country to a future filled with fear. No, this loss, as profound as it was, did not break the soul of this nation. It made us stronger. That day fortified Americans with pride and patriotism and created a spirit of service in the hearts of a new generation. That day fundamentally changed our nation and our Army for the better. We now observe Patriot Day annually on September 11th as a National Day of Service and Remembrance for the thousands of lives lost in the 9/11 attacks.

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"I think Letterkenny is perfectly positioned to capitalize on this growth and to help shape it in the future. I will always treasure my time with the great people of this area, and I will look for the depot to continue to contribute to our nation's defense in the future."

"Letterkenny Army Depot has deep roots in the Cumberland Valley and has a proud history of building first class combat power for the Army," said Ledbetter. I am extremely humbled and honored to be joining the men and women on the Letterkenny team as we continue to build readiness for the Army and our joint partners."

The ceremony included the color guard comprised of Soldiers from Letterkenny, a five-piece U.S. Army

Materiel Command band from Huntsville, Al., and an invocation delivered by Army Chaplain Maj. Schaun Myers from Ft. Indiantown Gap, Pa.. The national anthem was sung by Mr. Jamie Negley, an employee of Letterkenny Munitions Center. Mr. Damian Bess, Deputy Commanding Officer for Letterkenny, officiated at the late morning ceremony.

Letterkenny Army Depot is the premier depot for air defense missile systems, tactical missile ground support equipment, and mobile electric power generation equipment. The depot was established in 1942 and is the top employer in Franklin County, fueling an economic engine that propels more than a quarter-billion dollars annually into the region through payroll, contracts, and retiree annuities.



Photos:

(top) The U.S. Army Materiel Command waits for its next cue. Depot Commander Col. Ledbetter addresses his depot for the first time. (bottom) Members of the Depot's workforce attend the ceremony and watch as the colors transfer from Col. Maddox to Col. Ledbetter.



An Ethics Reminder

By CPT Michael Ball

When retired Marine Corps General James Mattis took the oath as Secretary of Defense, he brought with him a clear picture of how the Department of Defense would engage.

In the midst of the longest war in United States history and facing resurgent nuclear and peer nation threats, Secretary Mattis' August 4th Ethics memorandum to all Defense employees demands that we act in a consistently moral and ethical manner, "doing what is right at all times, regardless of the circumstances or whether anyone is watching."

Having grown up during the Federal Government's \$500 hammer debacle and the Abu Ghraib failures, we are living witnesses to the erosion of public trust and authority the unethical conduct of a few DoD employees can create.

That public trust is vital to the Army's defense of this country. That trust and belief in our ethical code means that the people crawling their way out of Hurricane Harvey's aftermath run toward the men and women in uniform for help. That the helicopters pulling people off rooftops won't fall out of the sky because of substandard parts a quality inspector ignored for a kickback. That the

enormous expenditure of manpower, materials, and support we provide won't use an emergency as an excuse to make claims for reimbursement for costs we didn't incur.

Secretary Mattis has charged each and every one of us to maintain an ethical standard of the highest order. To question whether our actions can withstand the harshest scrutiny of the law and the people we protect. To maintain that moral and ethical high ground even when faced with the temptation of personal gain at the expense of the oaths we took to serve our country faithfully.

...AROUND THE DEPOT

Generators transported by air

By Janet Gardner, Public Affairs

It's a bird! It's a plane! No, it is a CH47 Chinook landing! That was the scene at Letterkenny's wheeled test track on Tues., Aug. 29 as a Generic Aircraft Nitrogen Generator (GANG) was dropped off for repair by Letterkenny technicians.

Coordinating the repair and exchange event was Greg Roberts, Logistics Management Specialist, from the Directorate of Operations Planning and Support.

"This was a first for Letterkenny Army Depot," said Roberts. "This is a win-win for the unit and Letterkenny. It fulfills a training requirement for the unit and provides LEAD's lift team with hands-on experience."

The generator is an asset of the D Company, 1-171st AVN based in Marietta, Ga. The code A GANG was received by Greg Edgin (Secondary Assets) and Steve Snare who is in charge of Dock 2. Both are employees of the Directorate of Supply and Transportation.

After offloading the first generator, the Chinook crew picked up a Code A GANG that was repaired by Letterkenny and ready to be deployed back to the unit.

The depot is the Center of Technical Excellence for Tactical Quiet Generators (TQG), a rugged and reliable military electrical power generating



source. Power generation provides electricity to meet mission infrastructure needs in OCONUS and CONUS. The units are easily transportable by trailer, and it operates under extreme conditions.

Letterkenny has a 45,000 square foot production area for generator work and provides complete A1—overhaul and reset direct support and depot-level repairs. The product line includes: AGPU new build and reset,

5kw, 10kw, 15kw, 30kw, 60kw, 100kw, and 150kw, SLEP, EPPIII, and GANG.

Letterkenny provides program support to: CECOM, BIDS, AAI, Force Provider, Sentinel, and PATRIOT.

Coordinating the asset transfers were the office of Product Support Integrator (AGPU and GANG) and the Georgia Army Reserves National Guard.

VoIP! What is it?

By Sean Wolford, DOIM

As many of you have heard, the Depot is transitioning to this new-fangled system called VoIP. Some of you may even have one of these contraptions on your desk at this point. Hopefully this article will help provide insight on the Depot's path forward for telephone service.

VoIP, or Voice over Internet Protocol, is the latest in telephone service. It shares space on the data network that runs the computers on Depot. The phone connects right into the data port that your computer is currently plugged in to. Your computer then plugs into the back of the phone.

Instead of carrying your voice across the wires using voltage, similar to the process between an amplifier and speaker, it converts and sends your voice in data packets, just like your computer uses to transmit email.

We currently have 60 VoIP phones installed across Depot and the Letterkenny Munitions Center as a test bed to see how they will perform on our network. The folks that have the new phones are able to call from VoIP phone to VoIP phone, VoIP phone to analog phone (the current phones) and VoIP phone to outside of the Depot.



The phones cannot receive phone calls from outside the Depot at this time. The folks that have them are keeping their analog phones during this test period plus adding the VoIP phone. Their analog phone still has their current extension that is preceded by a seven. Their VoIP extension is preceded by a four. So for instance, if their current extension is 7-1234, then the VoIP phone extension is 4-1234.

Once we have completed the test phase, the old phone will be removed and the 7-1234 will be migrated to the VoIP phone allowing callers from outside the Depot to call the VoIP phone.

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AROUND THE DEPOT...

Importance of NDT

By Tyler Crotsley, Directorate of Product Assurance

Non-Destructive Testing (NDT) plays an integral role in the fabrication of new parts and the recapitalization of used parts at LEAD.

It is a quick and cost effective way to locate defects on components and determine whether a part is acceptable to be put into service for the first time or for the twentieth time.

LEAD utilizes the following four NDT methods: Liquid Penetrant Testing (PT), Magnetic Particle Testing (MT), Eddy Current Testing (ET) and Visual and Optical Testing (VT) to locate defects in welds, ferrous/non-ferrous metals and fabricated parts across LEAD.

LEAD is required by Army regulation to maintain its NDT program in

accordance with the National Aerospace Standard 410 (NAS-410). The NAS-410 dictates the requirements for all training, experience and certification of NDT personnel.

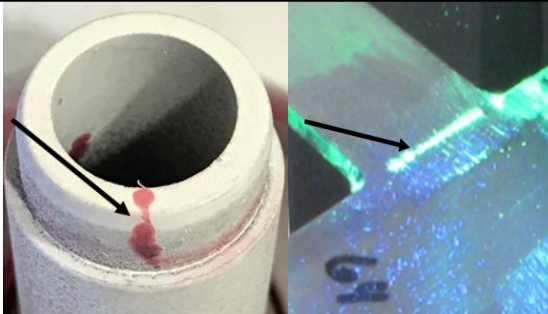
The depot utilizes two levels of certification: Levels 2 & 3. Level 2 NDT technician responsibilities consist of inspecting parts, interpreting inspection results, making accept or reject decisions and overseeing the training of NDT trainees as they attain the mandatory experience hours. Level 2 NDT technicians are an integral part to maintaining LEAD's readiness. Without certified Level 2 technicians, the NDT requirements for LEAD's product lines would not be able to be met and NDT trainees could not achieve certification.

Level 3 responsibilities consist of interpreting codes, specifications and standards to ensure LEAD meets the NDT requirements specified by its'

customers. The Level 3 technician is responsible for the generation of new NDT procedures, as well as writing and maintaining LEAD's NDT work instructions and standard operating procedures.

Another key responsibility of the Level 3 is to certify LEAD's NDT Level 2 technicians and maintain records of certification. Certification of NDT personnel requires 32 to 80 hours of initial training, along with 400 to 800 hours of experience performing the NDT method to which certification is sought.

Additionally, it can take another one to four years after becoming certified in a given NDT method to attain a Level 3 certification. Any level of NDT certification requires an initial three-part examination and then a re-examination every five years to maintain the certification.



Left: Visible Liquid Penetrant Indication on and engine valve guide. Right: Fluorescent liquid penetrant indication due to lack of fusion during the weld processes.

LEAD's Non-destructive Testing Team left to right: Jason Greenwood, Tyler Crotsley, Ed Halter, SSgt Ryan McCormick and Phil Hampton



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There are several reasons for moving to the VoiP phone system. The main reason is that our current phone system is aging and it has become difficult to find repair parts to maintain the system. We have also had some unexplained "gremlins" in the system that the DOIM has been working hard to find and fix.

There are also some very good cost savings we can take advantage of when the Depot moves to a full VoiP system in the form of long distance service.

So how will this transition affect you? If you work in a shop area, probably not at all. The phone that is hanging in the shop now will continue to be the one you use. If you are in an office area, you will eventually be moved to a

VoiP phone or possibly even a softphone, which is another whole article worth of information that we won't get into at this point.

The DOIM thanks you for your patience while we explore new ways of providing the best service possible to the Depot!

...EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**NEW EMPLOYEES**

August 7, 2017:

John Hammond,
James Brough,
Kyle Diffenderfer,
Brandon Edens,
Michael Kershner,
Mark Steick,
James Thorpe,
Rick Wiley, Jr.



August 21, 2017:

Donald Baily,
Rogie Bowman,
Christopher French,
Dennis Halstead,
Christopher Rickman,
Steve Laman

...OUT AND ABOUT**3rd Annual Letterkenny Open Golf Tournament**

With tees in place, clubs in hand and cloudless skies overhead, 64 golfers took to the greens of the Chambersburg Country Club on Saturday, Aug. 26, for a morning of golf and comradery. Among those golfers were Col. Stephen Ledbetter, Depot Commander, and Damian Bess, Deputy Commanding Officer.

According to Greg Roberts, event organizer, it was the perfect opportunity to introduce COL Ledbetter to the community. "This tournament not only allows the Letterkenny family to get

together but it also serves as an avenue for our Letterkenny family to meet and interact with members of the Chambersburg community."

Ledbetter used the occasion to thank everyone for the support he has received since his arrival at Letterkenny and welcomed everyone to the Letterkenny tournament.

The tournament started three years ago as an outing just for the Letterkenny family which includes Department of the Army Civilians, contractors, retirees and families of Letterkenny employees. In 2015, 52 golfers participated. That number increased to 60 in 2016.

Bess said that this was a great way to meet the community and hopes the golf outing continues.

The winning team for 2017 was: Jordan Dewalt, Eric Ruhl, Michael Heckman, and Gregg Mellott.

The championship trophy is on display in the lobby of Building 10.



A SALUTE TO OUR WORKFORCE!

THANK YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE!



PANTHER PRIDE!!! Standing in front of the first green Panther to have possibly been built here on the depot are members of the RCV Division who helped to assemble the vehicle. According to Josh Mowery, RCV Supervisor, Panther POR, the division is now building 18 of these vehicles. The program is part of a 2009-2010 partnership with BAE.

From left to right:

Guyto Nelson, Brad Rubeck, Jacob Stuller, Mike Destefano, Eric Robbins, Dylan Socks, Justin Brindle, Ken Swanger, Dave Etter, Teresa Shatzer, Robert Swope, Brandon Altland, Jeremy Hissong, Austin College, Randy Baughman, Charlie Poe, Bob Geedy, Crispin Skipper, Bill Naugle, Ronald Faith, Jesse Oneal, James Friday, Frank Coover, Tammy Gardner, Troy Ramsey, Todd Ramsey, Doug Patton, Donnie Purdham, Don Hickok, Nick Spade, Steve Dewalt, Chad Bender, Randy Bignell, Clayton Daihl, Donna Hepner, Craig Weaver, Lester Morris, Ricky Traver, Valerie Buchanan, Joshua Mowery, Allan Hege, Jerry Graham and Jon Pretlow.



Two Directorate of Public Works employees received the Commander's Award for Civilian Service for their work on continued development of the Facilities Equipment Management System, otherwise known as FEMS. Depot Commander Col. Stephen Ledbetter congratulates Kylie Scott (left) and Karen McClausand (right) on their achievements.